

# THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

*I AM*

*I am the Light of the World  
whoever follows me  
will never walk in darkness...*

*John 8:12*

JESUS,

**I. THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

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A. Jesus is the TRUE LIGHT

*1. Apparent Connection*

# GEN 1 & JN 1

GEN 1:1-5 ▶▶

**In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.**

**3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.**

*1. Apparent Connection*

# GEN 1 & JN 1

JN 1:1-9



That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all[b] sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*1. Apparent Connection*

# GEN 1 & JN 1

- Both spoke light & darkness
- Gen: God created light & separated it from darkness
- John: pointed Jesus as the true light



## 2. Feast of **TABERNACLES**

- ▶ celebrated and commemorated Israelites 40 yrs wandering
- ▶ 2 important ceremonies:
  - Pouring of water: God's provision of water from rock
  - Festival of lights: God's guidance as a pillar of fire
- ▶ 4 golden candlesticks lit up casting glow over Jerusalem

# 2. The TRUE LIGHT



- Not Physical or temporal light
- Saviour of the world that brings life & salvation
- True light guides & leads us into a relationship with God
- “Whoever follows Jesus will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (Jn 8: 12b)



B. Jesus is the Light That  
Reveals & Guides Our Hearts

# 1. JESUS AS THE LIGHT REVEALS OUR HEARTS

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account."

Heb 4: 12-13

# 1. JESUS AS THE LIGHT REVEALS OUR HEARTS

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"

Jer 17:9

# 1. JESUS AS THE LIGHT REVEALS OUR HEARTS

"Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty"

Isaiah 6:5

# 2. Jesus as

THE LIGHT GUIDES  
OUR PATH

**"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."**

**Ps 119:105**

# 2. Jesus as

## THE LIGHT GUIDES OUR PATH

**By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.**

**Ex 13: 21-22**

# II. SHINE, PEOPLE OF THE

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LIGHT

# *1. Embracing Our* **NEW IDENTITY**

## ▶▶ COL 1:12-13

“... joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For **he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves...**”

## ▶▶ 1 PET 2:9

“But you are a **chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”



## 2. REFLECTING

# the Light

**“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”**

**Mt 5: 14-16**

## **2. REFLECTING**

# **the Light**

**a. Our Testimony Among Pre-believers**

**b. Witnessing & Sharing the Gospel**